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REF: (A) FRANKFURT 4395, DTG 100923Z JUN 77, (NOTAL,
(B) STATE 10334, DTG 171902Z JAN 77

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, GAO TEAM COMPOSED OF MR. CHARLES M. ADAMS AND MR. DAVIS S. HACKETT VISITED USNATO ON JUN 21 AND 22, 1977.
2. DURING THIS VISIT, TEAM MEMBERS TALKED TO CHARGE - MR. STREATOR, DEFENSE ADVISOR - DR. LEGERE, DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR - RADM HUBBARD, MR. CAMPBELL AND COL FRANK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS DIVISION, MR. POLICASTRO OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING, MR. COLIN OF POLITICAL SECTION, CDR O'NEIL OF DEFENSE PLANNING DIVISION AND LTC ROBERTS OF THE DEFENSE OPERATIONS DIVISION.
3. IN AMPLIFICATION OF PARA 3 OF REF A, SPECIFIC TOPICS RAISED BY GAO INCLUDED:
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--ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS ON ALLIED DEFENSE SPENDING TO INCLUDE THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE ALLIES ACHIEVING REAL INCREASES OF 3 PCT IN THEIR DEFENSE SPENDING,
--THE BACKGROUND, ORGANIZATION, AND GOALS OF THE NATO INITIATIVES PROGRAMS,
--ALLIED PERCEPTIONS OF THE LIKELY AVAILABILITY AND UTILIZATION OF WARNING TIME,

- THE MALDEPLOYMENT/MALSTATIONING PROBLEM,
- THE RELATIVE BENEFITS AND COSTS OF FORWARD STATIONING OF US TROOPS VERSUS EARLY DEPLOYMENT/PRE-POSITIONING OF EQUIPMENT,
- BACKGROUND AND IMPACT OF THE FOURNAIS BRIEFING,
- BASIS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE 23/30 US FORCE PLANNING ASSUMPTION,
- VIABILITY OF NATO'S CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE IN THE CENTRAL REGION,
- THE RAPID REINFORCEMENT CONCEPT TO INCLUDE ENABLING LEGISLATION REQUIRED AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH CIVIL-MILITARY CONCEPTS HAVE BEEN TESTED,
- EUROPEAN POTENTIAL FOR RESERVE MOBILIZATION,
- NATIONAL VERSUS MULTI-LATERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGISTICS,
- THE EFFECT OF INCREASED CONSUMPTION RATES ON WAR RESERVE MATERIAL STOCKS,
- CONSUMER LOGISTICS,
- NATO'S STAY-PUT REFUGEE POLICY,
- THE INCREASED USE OF HOST-NATION SUPPORT TO INCLUDE THE RELIABILITY OF NON-NATO THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS DURING TIME OF WAR.

3. IN RESPONDING, MISSION OFFICERS CONCENTRATED ON USNATO AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND REFERRED TEAM TO PRIMARY AUTHORITIES WHEN APPROPRIATE.
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4. COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING US CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WERE PROVIDED TO GAO ON REQUEST:

A. SECRET:

- (1) 4-1980-ARPA/ISA/DP AND E, NO. 128, "ALLIANCE DEFENSE IN THE EIGHTIES"(U).
- (2) MEMORANDUM - SEC DEF CONTROL NO. X0916, "A FIRM INTERIM GOAL FOR NATO REINFORCEMENT".
- (3) EXTRACT FROM - REPORT OF SEC DEF TO THE CONGRESS ON FY 1978 BUDGET, FY 1979 AUTHORIZATION REQUEST, AND FY 1978-1982 DEFENSE PROGRAMS, JAN 14, 77, PAGES 97-110.

B. CONFIDENTIAL: SEC DEF'S SUBMISSION FOR THE RECORD AT THE DPC SPRING 1977 MINISTERIAL.

5. THE ONLY PROCEDURAL PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED WAS A REQUEST BY TEAM MEMBERS FOR ACCESS TO NATO DOCUMENTS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3B OF REF B, WE DID NOT ALLOW THE TEAM ACCESS TO SUCH NATO CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. THE TEAM NOTED THAT OUR GUIDANCE DID PRECLUDE ACCESS BUT INDICATED THAT -- GIVEN THEIR NATO CLEARANCES -- THEY FELT THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE

HAD ACCESS AND INTENDED TO PURSUE THE MATTER THROUGH GAO
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